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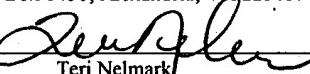
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the restriction requirement asserted in an Office Action mailed August 23, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** being on page 10 of this paper.